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SOURCE Officer of a Swedish merchant ship.

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- Itinerary and Operations:** The Swedish cargo ship, m/s Tideholm, arrived Gdynia, Poland, on 29 December 1953 from Schiedam, the Netherlands, and sailed on 31 December 1953 for Skutskar. She lifted 368 tons of general cargo at Gdynia, including mostly wood pulp, for Albany, New York, and some Polish hams and baskets. The itinerary of the m/s Tideholm for the four month period 1 October 1953 to 30 January 1954 is as follows:

Ports	Arrived	Departed
Norfolk, Va	1 Oct 1953	2 Oct 1953
Montreal	6 Oct 1953	8 Oct 1953
Quebec	9 Oct 1953	10 Oct 1953
Port Alfred	10 Oct 1953	10 Oct 1953
Le Havre	18 Oct 1953	19 Oct 1953
Rotterdam	20 Oct 1953	21 Oct 1953
Bremen	22 Oct 1953	23 Oct 1953
Hamburg	24 Oct 1953	24 Oct 1953
Kristiansand	25 Oct 1953	26 Oct 1953
Copenhagen	27 Oct 1953	30 Oct 1953
Kiel	30 Oct 1953	1 Nov 1953
Schiedam	3 Nov 1953	7 Dec 1953
Gdynia	29 Dec 1953	31 Dec 1953
Skutskar	2 Jan 1954	5 Jan 1954
Gavlo	5 Jan 1954	7 Jan 1954
Vallvik	7 Jan 1954	10 Jan 1954
Kramfors	10 Jan 1954	11 Jan 1954
Sprangeviken	11 Jan 1954	13 Jan 1954
Ostrand	13 Jan 1954	14 Jan 1954
Gothenberg	17 Jan 1954	17 Jan 1954
New York	29 Jan 1954	30 Jan 1954
Albany, New York	30 Jan 1954	

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2. Merchant Ships Present: The following merchant shipping was observed in Gdynia (incomplete list):
 Mormacsea (AM)
 Baltavia (BR)
 A Finnish ship of unknown name and tonnage
3. Security Measures: The Tidaholm was boarded at her berth ("Pilsutski") and searched by a squad of twelve men. The officers were armed with pistols. The crew were allowed to remain in their cabins and were not required to muster on deck. Steel probes were used in the search, which took two hours to complete. The search before the ship sailed took two and a half hours. The crew was allowed ashore.
4. Miscellaneous Information: Labor seemed to be difficult to obtain, and it was necessary to wait two or three hours for an extra longshore gang. The labor used was not considered good. The port was not congested.

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